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CUMULATIVE IMPACTS

Definitions:

The impact on the environment which results from the incremental impact of the action when added to other past, present, and reasonably foreseeable future actions, regardless of what agency (federal or nonfederal) or person undertakes such actions.

From the Council on Environmental Quality, which guides Federal agencies in their implementation of the National Environmental Policy Act. Found at Title 40 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Section 1508.7.

Two or more individual effects which, when considered together, are considerable or which compound or increase other environmental impacts. Furthermore, the individual effects may be changes resulting from a single project or a number of separate projects, and the cumulative impact from several projects is the change in the environment which results from the incremental impact of the project when added to other closely related past, present, and reasonably foreseeable probable future projects. Cumulative impacts can result from individually minor but collectively significant projects taking place over a period of time.

From the Guidelines for Implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act (2002).